

# Commissioners' Franchise in the District League Has Been Transferred

## COMMISSIONERS HAVE NO TEAM IN DISTRICT LEAGUE

### Franchise Has Been Transferred to Club Made Up of Ninth and Ingram Players.

Notwithstanding the fact that what was purported to be the statement of Manager Handibee was given out to the effect that the Commissioners had no intention of giving up their franchise, the fact remains that they are no longer a member of the circuit.

It is true that there is a team in the league which is called the Commissioners, but it is not the organization which won the Departmental League pennant last year, and entered the District League as a charter member.

The facts of the case are these: Manager Handibee, when he found that he was unable to put his best team in the field and that there was little interest taken in the club at the District building, decided to get out, and that is what he did. He transferred his franchise to Mr. Koonitz, who now has a team playing in the circuit under the name of the Commissioners, which is composed of the best of the old Ingram men. It was stated yesterday, unofficially, that the Commissioners' franchise was sold entirely and that now they have no more right in the District League than some team off the sand lot.

There is no club playing ball in the amateur leagues in the city more deserving of commendation than the one which triumphed over the Manhattan nine yesterday and thereby won its right for another try at the championship. The Kendall club, which was defeated during the first of the year, has done remarkably well when it is considered that the conditions which surrounded the making of the team were not all that might have been desired.

The team to a man has stuck together and fought through the part of the season which has gone in a manner which shows that there are no quitters on it, and which also has shown that there will be no pennant won from it in any easy fashion. Fight, fight, is the motto of the organization, and it is that which wins games. It is doubtful if there were twenty people out of the crowd which gathered yesterday to watch the game, but the fact that the team was able to reach the pennant had any idea other than that the Manhattan club would win. It has been recognized as being about the best turned out in the amateur circuit this season, and everything, even the majority of the crowd present, seemed to be against the Kendall aggregation.

The team, which has held it together, losing, and it won. Too much credit cannot be given the club.

Manager Stern, who has had charge of the team, and who has taught the boys what base ball they know, is in a great measure responsible for the success of the team. He has held it together at critical stages, and under his guiding hand the nine has risen from practical obscurity to the position of a team to be feared. He is to be congratulated for the success he has had with the team.

The Manhattan club should also come in for its share of the praise, as it went up and with a vengeance. It is doubtful if there was ever an amateur game played in which both teams went in and out of the game as the two teams were opposed yesterday. Twice the two teams went in with the opposing club two runs in the lead and each time managed to pull out. Three runs are generally enough to beat the majority of amateur clubs, but it meant little or nothing to those two nine.

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## HITTING WAS FEATURE.



Batted in four of the runs scored by Manhattan against Kendall yesterday.

### INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE.

#### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

W. L. Pct. St. Martin 10 10 1.000  
Waverly 14 3 824 Waverly 3 12 294  
St. Paul 8 7 533 Nat. Union 5 16 235

#### TODAY'S GAME.

Waverly vs. St. Martin, at North Capitol and V streets northwest.

Before the largest crowd that ever witnessed a game in the Independence League, Kendall defeated Manhattan, 6 to 5, in the tenth inning of a grueling struggle. Beginning with the third inning, when Kendall scored three runs, the lead seasawed, and in the eighth, when Manhattan tied it for the second time during the game, it looked, because of the approaching darkness, that the struggle would end without a decision. In the last of the tenth, with one out, balls that struck the ground before reaching the plate, he fanned nine and allowed seven hits. These seven bingles were obtained Joe Lachle to pitch, and he has been recognized as being about the best turned out in the amateur circuit this season, and everything, even the majority of the crowd present, seemed to be against the Kendall aggregation.

The prettiest hit of the day was made from the bat of Catcher McDonald of Commerce. The ball sailed to deep right center and netted the hitter three sacks.

Charlie Moran pulled off a neat piece of fielding and put down a rally in the eighth, when there were two men on when Devine hit one that looked good for a single and perhaps a double, but Charlie put an end to its career by a one-hand stab.

### SUBURBAN LEAGUE.

#### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

W. L. Pct. Park View 17 8 679  
Silver Spring 19 4 826 Park View 17 8 679  
Silver Spring 19 4 826 Brightwood 19 4 809

#### TODAY'S GAME.

Park View vs. Silver Spring, at 5:30 o'clock, at New Hampshire avenue at Uppur streets northwest.

Silver Spring took a one-sided game from Brightwood yesterday afternoon, making a runaway of it from beginning to end. The game was being played at 5:30 o'clock, and the two teams were opposed yesterday. Twice the two teams went in with the opposing club two runs in the lead and each time managed to pull out. Three runs are generally enough to beat the majority of amateur clubs, but it meant little or nothing to those two nine.

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### COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

#### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

W. L. Pct. Willard 10 10 1.000  
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#### TODAY'S GAME.

Willard vs. Willard, at North Capitol and V streets northwest.

Yesterday the patched up Peppo team easily defeated Times by the score of 19 to 7. The game went only seven innings, but by scoring in every chapter except the eighth the Potomac boys managed to roll up a total of twenty runs. Sullivan started off badly for the Times m-n, giving five bases on balls and allowing three hits, which, mixed with a couple of errors, resulted in eight runs in the first two innings. Callahan, who finished the game, was wild and ineffective, and his support was none too good.

Holden, who pitched for the winners, fanned thirteen men in seven innings, but was hit rather hard at times. He helped to make his share of the nineteen runs by contributing three safe bingles.

Myers and Morris had their usual good day at bat, Myers getting a triple, a single and two bases on balls out of five trips to the plate, while Morris connected for two doubles out of four times up.

"Buck" Howard was missed at short stop, but Manager Gray says he will be back in the game next week.

Palmer robbed Peppo of four runs in the first, when he made a running catch of Kidwell's line drive. Kidwell had his eye on the ball yesterday, making two triples, and was unlucky in having two line drives land in the hands of an outfielder.

McLane had a fine day. He made two singles and a double out of as many times at bat. His all-around work helped the bat was a feature of the game.

### DISTRICT LEAGUE.

#### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

W. L. Pct. Aloysius 10 10 1.000  
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#### TODAY'S GAME.

Columbia vs. Adams Express.

The Aloysius team practically won the District League pennant yesterday afternoon, when the Commissioners were downed, 5 to 3.

Although the leaders have another game with the Columbia 101 team, they ought to win, as they have on previous performances, and thus take the championship.

The newly organized Commissioners gave the Aloysius team a hard run for the money, but an error in the seventh inning cost the game.

Lynch did the box work for the winners and pitched a good game, although the losers hit him at opportune times. He fanned seven batters and gave two bases on balls.

Capt. Charley Broome yanked his brother from the mound in the third and sent Tom Quarrelle from the first base to the box. The latter pitched a creditable game, holding the winners to three scattered hits for the rest of the game. He fanned six batters and gave one base on balls.

Three hits and an infield out netted the Commissioners two runs in the fourth, which again tied up the score.

Crabbie, the left fielder of the losers, dropped a fly in the seventh, which allowed two runners to get in and thus cost his team the game.

Babbington, Widmayer and Drennan pulled two each, while Taylor got one for the Aloysius team.

## THINK AMERICA WILL WIN NEXT OLYMPICS

### Foreigners Admit That With Better All-Round Athletes U. S. Should Be First.

NEW YORK, July 18.—J. W. Spalding of the Olympic games committee, who has just returned after witnessing the English championships, declares that after comparing the work of the athletes there and those who competed in the American championships it is evident that an American team could have been sent to the English meet this year which would have won every event, with the possible exception of the four-mile race, with George Bonham in good shape America would have stood an even chance in that event also. The four-mile race was the only event in the English championship in which the winner's performance was better than that at Pittsburgh.

Mr. Spalding discussed Olympic games prospects with representatives of several countries while abroad. Nearly all the foreigners, he says, admit that America, owing to superior all-round athletic ability and large teams, should win the first honors. Many of the foreign countries, however, have individual point winners that will shine in their respective events.

### C. and I. Interbureau League.

#### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

W. L. Pct. Census 10 10 1.000  
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#### TODAY'S GAME.

Corporation vs. Immigration.

Naturalization had little trouble in defeating Standards yesterday, score 7 to 2. The game should have been a shutout, but errors, coupled with the one hit secured off the Naturalization pitcher, netted two runs.

Symonakie of Ninth twirled for Naturalization. He had the Standards completely at his mercy, fanning ten and allowing only one ball, a single by Jones, to get out of the infield. Symonakie had a perfect day at bat also, connecting safely four times.

"Skeets" Hayes was seen at short for the winners and gobbled up everything that came his way in grand style. Three singles and two stolen bases were secured by him.

Lynch continued his good stick work and fattened his average yesterday with a double and two singles. His double was the only extra base hit of the contest.

Fineran upheld Symonakie to perfection and although he muffed several third strikes caught a stellar game.

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